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**From:** Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov [Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/4/2022 2:46:54 PM  
**To:** Huber, Patrick [Huber.Patrick@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: SLCP EG Meeting Postponed; Arctic Council Work Paused

Your message to acap was A+. The message from Max implied that Russia was driving the decision to postpone... that's what I'll talk to him about Monday.

On Mar 4, 2022, at 9:37 AM, Huber, Patrick <Huber.Patrick@epa.gov> wrote:

It is very delicate and I hope my messages to ACAP have been appropriate. I did not include a link to State Department message as all foreign affairs ministries in AC have posted the same or similar messages

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**From:** Finman, Hodayah <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2022 9:27 AM  
**To:** Huber, Patrick <Huber.Patrick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: SLCP EG Meeting Postponed; Arctic Council Work Paused

Got it. These are delicate matters. Thanks for checking with Max. If you prefer I am happy to talk to him and give him some feedback on Monday in a supervisory role.

On Mar 4, 2022, at 7:30 AM, Huber, Patrick <[Huber.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Huber.Patrick@epa.gov)> wrote:

That is not accurate and I can issue a clarification. It is not what we discussed. I told him only that he should send a simple message saying that the SLCP would be cancelled until further notice

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**From:** Finman, Hodayah <[Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov](mailto:Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2022 10:30 PM  
**To:** Huber, Patrick <[Huber.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Huber.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: SLCP EG Meeting Postponed; Arctic Council Work Paused

But why did max say the meeting is paused because Russia announced a pause. Is that accurate?

On Mar 3, 2022, at 6:33 PM, Huber, Patrick <[Huber.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Huber.Patrick@epa.gov)> wrote:

Message was supposed to go out from ACAP Sec. but it never went so I spoke with Ake and agreed to send out so EGs could cancel meetings

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**From:** Finman, Hodayah <[Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov](mailto:Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2022 6:26 PM  
**To:** Huber, Patrick <[Huber.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Huber.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: SLCP EG Meeting Postponed; Arctic Council Work Paused

Russia decided to pause the work?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Torney, Maxwell" <[torney.maxwell@epa.gov](mailto:torney.maxwell@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 3, 2022 at 6:11:45 PM EST  
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**Cc:** "Huber, Patrick" <[Huber.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Huber.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** SLCP EG Meeting Postponed; Arctic Council Work Paused

Dear ACAP SLCP EG Colleagues,

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Doodle online poll to help determine the date of our next SLCP EG meeting. Unfortunately, we will have to postpone our meeting due to a recent announcement from the Russian Chairmanship of the Arctic Council communicating their decision to temporarily pause the work of the Arctic Council and its subsidiary bodies until further notice. Please see their email below. Thank you all for your continued hard work and we look forward to reconvening soon.

Best Regards,  
Max  
SLCP EG Co-Chair

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**From:** Arctic Council Chair <[ac\\_chair@arctic-council.org](mailto:ac_chair@arctic-council.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2022 9:59 AM

**To:** Huber, Patrick <[Huber.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Huber.Patrick@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** For information: SAOs request to pause the work of the Arctic Council

Dear Senior Arctic Officials, PP Heads of Delegation, Working Group Chairs and Executive Secretaries, Arctic Council Observers,

The Russian Chairmanship of the Arctic Council has taken note of a recommendation made by the seven other Arctic States and made a decision to temporarily pause the work of the Arctic Council and its subsidiary bodies until further notice.

The Russian Chairmanship remains open to the resumption of dialogue and cooperation within the Arctic Council in due time.

Nikolay Korchunov  
**Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials**